Treasure Islands (Andaman and Nicobar) turning waste

1210. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Times of India* of 6th October, 1985 under the heading "Treasures Islands turning waste to the effect that Andaman and Nicobar Islands which are a treasure are turning waste;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take or have taken to save these Lands—Andaman and Nicobar Islands from turning into waste; and

(c) how much extra funds have been allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are seized of the matter concerning environmental conservation of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The news paper report mentioned in part (a) of the question is based on a study commissioned by Government. Expert Groups are studying various aspects relating to conservation and sustainable development of natural resources of the islands. Allocation of funds will depend on the conclusions of the studies.

Setting up of Administrative Tribunals

1211. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative tribunals have been set up;

(a) if so, the names of the cities where such tribunals have been set up; and

(c) the number of the cases which have been transferred to each tribunal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Central Administrative Tribunal has been established under section 4(1) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 (13 of 1985) with effect from 1st November 1985. The Tribunal has its Principal Bench and Additional Bench I and Additional Bench II located at New Delhi and other Additional Benches at Allahabad, Bombay, Calcutta and Madas. No State Administrative Tribunal under the above Act has been set up so far.

(c) In terms of section 29(1) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, every suit or other proceeding pending before any court or other authority immediately before 1-11-85 being a suit or other proceeding within the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal shall stand transferred to the Tribunal on 1-11-1985. The actual process of transfer of cases from various courts including the High Courts has just begun and it is not possible to give procise information about the number of cases which have been transferred to the Tribunal.

Transfer of IAS Officers from Delhi

1212. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some IAS officers under the Delhi Administration were transferred this year after completing their tenure in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the names of the officers;

(c) whether it is a fact that some transferred officers have not moved to their new places of posting; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) In Delhi Administration, IAS Officers of U.T. Cadre are posted as a part of their normal posting in the Cadre and there is no fixed tenure for such posting. However, S/Shri I. A. Khan, IAS (UT:67) and B. P. Misra, IAS (UT:69) have been transferred from Delhi Administration this year to other Union Territories on the basis of their longest stay in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Out of the afore-mentioned officers Shri B. P. Misra was allowed to be retained in Delhi Administration till 31-10-1985 in public interest. Delhi Administration have been advised to relieve the officer with directions to report to his new place of posting immediately.

Inadequacy of Indian Naval Equipment

1213. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's naval equipment are inadequate to meet disturbed condtions caused mainly by the super power rivalry; and

(b) if so, the steps initiated by Government to ensure that India is in no way caught napping and there is no lack of vigil on the seas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Plans of the Navy take into account the need for safeguarding and patrolling the country's coast-line, and steps are taken for the induction of the most suitable and the latest equipment which may be needed, to adequately protect our interests. There is no question of any lack of vigil on the seas.

Memorandum from the Members of Parliament concerning Andhra Pradesh

1214. SHRI PARAVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament from Andhra Pradesh have submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on the 20th March, 1985 on various matters concerning the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following demands were raised:

(1) Setting up of an alumina/aluminium plant.

(2) Giving of quota for cotton export to the Cotton Corporation of Andhra Pradesh.

(3) Establishment of Vishakhapatnam as free trade zone.

(4) Sanction of Inchampalli project.

(5) Sanction of Polavaram project and declaring it as a national project.

(6) Declaration of Hyderabad as an international airport.

(7) Abolition of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council.

(c) (i) to (vi)—Being looked into by the concerned Ministries.